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SUBJECT: FY-75 USG BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO MSAS

1. REQUEST MADE BY EC COMMISSION TO USEC FOR AVAILABLE
INFORMATION ON LEVEL OF FY-75 USG ASSISTANCE TO MSAS
REITERATED INFORMALLY DURING LAST WEEK'S IBRD/IMF DEVELOP-
MENT COMMITTEE MEETING BY FRENCH FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL.
U.S. UNDERSTANDS EC COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
IS IN ORDER TO HELP TRIGGER FURTHER DISBURSEMENT AT COUNCIL
MEETING THIS WEEK OF EC MEMBERS' \$500 MILLION PLEDGE TO
MSAS.

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2. WE ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE, ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, LIKELY RANGE OF LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE TO UN-DESIGNATED MSAS FOR USE BY EC COMMISSION AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ONLY. FIRM FIGURES ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE AT THIS TIME SINCE CONGRESS IS ONLY BEGINNING APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS FOR FY-75 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT; SIMILARLY, NO FINAL COMMITMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON PL-480 PROGRAM. THEREFORE, CONFIDENTIALITY AND TENTATIVE NATURE OF AMOUNTS SHOULD BE STRESSED SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE CONGRESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTION.

3. TOTAL ODA BILATERAL COMMITMENT LEVEL FOR FY-75 TO UN-DESIGNATED MSAS, AS PRESENTLY PROJECTED, IS EXPECTED TO BE IN RANGE OF \$1.25 TO \$1.4 BILLION. THIS COMPARES WITH FY-74 LEVEL OF \$700 MILLION, SHOWING AN INCREASE OF \$550 -

\$700 MILLION. FYI - AS HAS BEEN STATED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS WITH UN SYG, USG DOES NOT NECESSARILY CONSIDER UN LIST AS DEFINITIVE. BASED ON USG INTER-AGENCY STUDY, WE FEEL THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH BELONG IN MSA CATEGORY AND OUR AID PROGRAMS ARE GEARED ACCORDINGLY. WITH ADDITION OF THESE COUNTRIES, TOTAL FY-75 ASSISTANCE IS IN AREA OF \$2 BILLION. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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